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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

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Re: Application of Kazumasa KURIHARA, Toshihide KIMISAWA, Tsuyoshi KATO, Yasumoto KOBAYASHI, Masami HONMA, Katsunori OZAKI, Hiroshi KUMAGAI and Katsumi MOROHOSHI  
**FUEL TANK CONNECTOR**  
Assignee: NIFCO, INC., and Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.  
Our Ref: Q76089  
Continuation of Appln. No.: 09/984,450

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/984,450 (Confirmation No. 2154) filed October 30, 2001 of Kazumasa KURIHARA, Toshihide KIMISAWA, Tsuyoshi KATO, Yasumoto KOBAYASHI, entitled FUEL TANK CONNECTOR. Additional inventors added to this application include Masami HONMA, Katsunori OZAKI, Hiroshi KUMAGAI and Katsumi MOROHOSHI. An additional Assignee, Nissan Motor Co., Ltd., is also being added to this application.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 22 sheets of drawings, and newly executed Declaration and Assignment Documents. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 3679.

The specification has been amended to insert the following sentence:

This is a continuation of Application No. 09/984,450, filed October 30, 2001; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2001-307115	October 3, 2001
Japan	2001-050087	February 26, 2001
Japan	2000-336766	November 2, 2000

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/984,450.



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The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	4	-	20	=	0	x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
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**TOTAL FILING FEE** **\$750.00**

A check for the statutory fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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